

STOP THE INVASION- REPORT THIS PEST

Shoebuttton Ardisia

Maui County Priority Pest for Molokai:

Shoebuttton Ardisia (*Ardisia elliptica*) is a fast growing shrub/small tree is often found growing as an understory shrub in moderately wet lowland areas, such as along the Hana Highway on Maui. It is not known to grow on the island of Molokai.

Identification

Height- up to 5 m (17 ft)

Flower- pale lavender star shaped flower, hangs near the end of the leaf stalk

Fruit- White, maturing into black, 6 mm (< 1 in)

Leaves- alternate leaves grow to 20 cm (8 long) with a smooth edge



Star shaped flowers



Young leaves and stems are a rose-pink color.

Young plants growing amongst other roadside weeds



Inky black fruits will stain your fingers

Don't mistake Shoebuttton Ardisia for these look-alikes:



Hilo holly

Hilo holly (*Ardisia crenata*)

Height- 0.57 -7 1 m (1.5 - 4 ft)

Flower- Pink flowers with yellow anther

Fruit- Mature fruit is red

Leaves- Alternate leaves, dark green above and lighter below, with an oblong shape and wavy edge



Akala

Strawberry guava (*Psidium cattleianum*)

This widespread wet forest weed on Maui, Lanai, and Molokai has leaves that are similarly shaped to shoebuttton ardisia

Flower- white flowers

Fruit- Dark red to purple, golf ball sized

Bark- smooth bark with light brown, green, and pink camouflage-type coloration pattern

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